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TO All Pastors, Elders, Officers and Members of the East Jamaica Conference

Re: Announcement of Newly Appointed Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Director, and Special Assistant to the President with Responsibility for Evangelism

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Warm Christian Greetings!

The East Jamaica Conference Executive Committee has appointed Pastor Howard Smith as the new Director of Sabbath School and Personal Ministries and Special Assistant to the President with Responsibility for Evangelism. Pastor Smith brings over 16 years of ministry experience, strong leadership, and devotion to the cause to this role. His appointment takes effect February 11, 2026.

Pastor Smith succeeds Pastor Michael Lewis, who has served since January 1, 2025. Pastor Lewis has accepted a call to serve as Pastor in the South Leeward Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Since 2022, Pastor Smith has served as the Senior Pastor of the North Street District of Churches. He will continue to be the Senior Pastor of the District.

Pastor Howard Smith has been an ordained minister of the Gospel since November 26, 2016, and has been a valued member of the East Jamaica Conference family since January 1, 2010. He is married to Denice, and together they have one adult daughter, Gia.

We ask for your prayers and support for Pastor Howard Smith and his family as he undertakes this important responsibility.

Respectfully yours,

Melvin Francis
Executive Secretary

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